The FLAG

The Newspaper of the National Democrats

ISSN 0950-2912 ISSUE No. 96.

CONTENTS

National Democrat Annual Conference
R.U.C. Chief Betrays His Country
FN Leads Way to France's New Spring
Lord of the Rings: Voted Best Book
More Proof: Norway Was Right
Election News
Service Cuts Damage The Morale
Of Our Servicemen

THEY ARE TRYING TO DESTROY THE U.K.

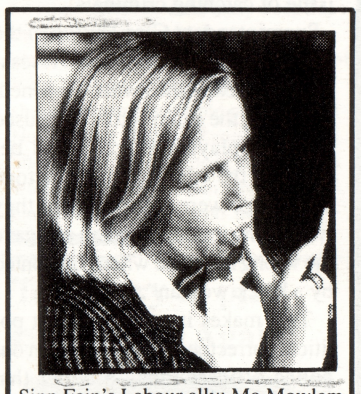
The I.R.A.

THE I.R.A. CEASEFIRE has been over for more than a year, but you wouldn't know this if you listened to Britain's politicians. I.R.A. acts over the past year have included the devastating Docklands bomb, shooting a policeman inside a Belfast hospital where sick children are treated, a large car bomb inside the Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn injuring 31 people and showering schoolchildren with metal shrapnel and the murder of Lance Bombadier Stephen Restorick by an I.R.A. sniper.

On top of this the 'normal' routine of I.R.A. beatings and intimidation has continued and other terrorist bombings have only been stopped by actions of the police and army.

Sinn Fein/IRA leader: Gerry Adams

Promoter of talks: Sir Patrick Mayhew



Sinn Fein's Labour ally: Mo Mowlam

Despite all this both Labour and Conservative politicians want to talk to Sinn Fein/I.R.A. if only they would suspend their murderous campaign for a few weeks. And who is it they want to sit around a table and chat to about the future government of Northern Ireland? It is Gerry Adams the leader of Sinn Fein.

Gerry Adams' commitment to peace must be judged by his actions and past record. His father was an I.R.A. member and was sentenced to eight years in prison for attempted murder. By the time Gerry Adams was 17 he was also a member of the IRA's D Company in the Lower Falls.

When the IRA/Provisional IRA split occurred in 1970 Adams went with the more violent and extreme 'provos'. In May 1971 he became commander of the 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade. In the following 12 months the battalion murdered 49 people.

In July 1972 he was involved in the planning of "Bloody Friday" when 21 bombs exploded in Belfast City Centre.

Shortly afterwards he wrote out what has clearly been his strategy ever since: *"Rightly or wrongly I am an IRA volunteer. The course I take involves the use of physical force. It means fighting. Maybe I won't fight again. But it still needs to be said because I will move aside for the fighters".*

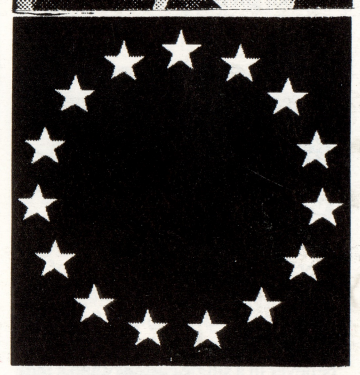
Murdered by the IRA: Stephen Restorick

And that is precisely what has happened. Gerry Adams' aim and the aim of the IRA is the enforced union of the North under the domination of the South of Ireland. It is of no great moment to him whether this is achieved by means of murder, maiming, indiscriminate terrorism or by sitting around a table with the likes of John Major and Tony Blair. For Gerry Adams such talks are only of use if they move towards this union of Ireland and thus ignore the wishes of the majority of people in Ulster. If this is the case, then what purpose do such talks serve for our political leaders. The only answer is that they pave the way for a sell out of that part of the United Kingdom and the betrayal of the people of Northern Ireland.

The setting up of these talks and the efforts to include Gerry Adams in the discussions is treachery on a grand scale.....even by the standards of previous British governments.

The E.U.

IN A POLL IN NORTH WEST ENGLAND 93% of people wanted a referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union. The Sun carried out a phone poll with more than 50,000 people participating, voting was 20:1 against Britain's membership of a federal Europe. In a Daily Telegraph poll this January the number of people who wanted to stay in the E.U. as currently constituted had fallen by 19 percentage points from 61% to 42%.



Yet all three major political parties are committed to keeping Britain in the E.U. no matter how much power and how many jobs are lost to the new Franco-German axis. This drive to create a new European Super State is best typified by Jurgen Osterhalt, the German Ambassador to Britain who with supreme arrogance recently stated: *"Those who argue against monetary (and therefore political) union would be proved irrelevant by the force of the European will. It was Germany's historic mission to provide that will".*

The move towards creating a federal super state of Europe has left Britain's mainstream political leaders looking ridiculous. Led by John Major and Tony Blair they all claim that they would fight for Britain's interests within Europe, yet their track record over fishing, beef, the agricultural policy, the European bank, etc. has been appalling. Now they ask us to believe they can prevent the E.U. taking over our currency, determining our taxes, controlling our defence forces, etc. etc.

The Germans need a European Super State to provide a new market for their goods - a sort of economic lebensraum. Large multinationals are in favour because it enables them to cut costs and to squeeze out smaller manufacturers. Politicians like it because it gives them a new and larger stage on which to strut.

However such a European Super State will destroy the identity of the British people, allow in further unrestricted immigration, impose additional taxes, destroy national identities, implement rules to favour other nations....above all, it will take political power even further away from the the people. No wonder it is opposed by small businesses, by those politicians who are in touch with public opinion...and by the overwhelming majority of the sensible British people, and that is why the National Democrats are in the forefront of the campaign to take Britain out of the European Union altogether.

E.U. apparatchniks: Kinnock (above) and Brittan, both worlds away from a hard working British fisherman

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATS 0181 471-6872

Jacques Delors statue for Birmingham or Merseyside.

Euro M.P.'s have voted for statues, paintings and sculptures to "adorn" projects and public works which have been partly financed by E.U. subsidies.

Birmingham and Merseyside which have both received large E.U. subsidies are likely targets for statues of Euro fanatics like Jacques Delors. One wonders exactly where they will want to place statues of other Euro fanatics like Napoleon, Julius Ceasar, etc.

Euro M.P.'s have also decided that a "neutral" EU history book should be written for all schools in Europe and it is expected that this will play down (even further) the role of traditional British heroes such as Nelson, Wellington, Sir Francis Drake and Florence Nightingale.

RAF crews put at risk by safety cutbacks

As a result of continual cutbacks in the government's defence budget Britain's defence forces have been stretched to the limit. The latest example of this is putting the lives of RAF crews at risk.

According to one RAF technician he has been told not to tell crews that certain wires in Tornados and Harriers might catch fire because of extra wear and tear.

Other worries have concerned the ability of the RAF to keep its Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft in the air. The situation was summed up by former Tornado pilot, Squadron Leader Ed Smith, who said: "At the front line, true effectiveness is being reduced. We are not ready for even a minor combat role".

School ban on Sikh Dagger Girl

Wolverhampton's Goldthorn Park primary school has banned a ten year old Sikh girl from school after her father insisted that she carries a dagger to school.

Fellow pupils told teachers about the weapon who banned the girl.

Soros funds pro-EU campaign

George Soros the millionaire speculator has decided to pour some of his wealth into propaganda in support of the European Super State. Soros has declared himself to be a passioante believer in a single currency and a federal Europe.

His wealth is to create a new organisation called Charter Europe and is expected to use television, the Internet and sophisticated polling techniques to get its message across.

Of course Soros has plenty of money to play around with - he made £1,000million out of betting against sterling in 1992.

Names that have been linked with this project include that of Emma Bonino, the EU's fisheries commissioner who spends much of her time ensuring that British fishermen are put out of work.

This campaign will be in addition to the estimated £180 million that the E.U. is currently spending on what it calls "special information" programmes.

Poets Against The E.U.

Beware the silly ostrich,
A large and flightless bird,
Beware too of the EMU,
It's similar I've heard.
Some say they have an idea
It won't get off the ground,
But in terms of our freedom
it's essentially unsound.
It's definitely dodgy,
More than just absurd,
And it was foist upon us
by Messrs Maude and Hurd.
I. Hall, Norfolk.

Lord of The Rings Voted Best Book

A POLL OF CHANNEL 4 VIEWERS and the customers of Waterstones bookshop chain have just voted on the best book of the 20th Century. The Winner? Some politically correct effusion by Kasuo Ishiguro, Fay Weldon, Salman Rushdie or the late Ken Saro-Wiwa, perhaps? Or perhaps by one of the earlier Bloomsbury circle of precious perverts? A convoluted and pretentious tome wallowing in existensial angst and revelling in neurosis, decadence and degeneracy?

Was its plot, in so far as it allows its art to be thus confined within the bonds of such a linear, passe, phallocratic contrivance, involving the quest for empowerment and self-realisation or a lesbian feminist disabled ethnic minority member engaged in a deeply meaningful non-sexist relationship with a drug-abusing bisexual black aardvark in a hole under the A30, no doubt? Well, actually, no. Even Channel 4 watchers and Waterstone trendies voted as the best book of this century *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien.

A heroic saga based upon the myths, legends and folk culture of Northern Europe in general and Britain in paticular, rooted in a healthy set of values as far away from PC cosmopolitanism as you can get. Written by an author who dedicated his work not to "exploring the innate contradictions inherent in the human condition", "consciouness-raising empowerment" (or even winning the Booker Prize and making loads of dosh from sales to bemused trendies trying to impress their friends), but as he put it "to my country: to England". Who declared his purpose to be, not "fighting racism, sexism and phallocratic patriarchal society" but "creating a mythology for England". A mythology to inspire a revival of our national identity in the face of what Tolkien described as the menace of Americo-cosmopolitanism".

A book written not by some drugged up degenerate drop out but by a Professor of English Language at Oxford, a leading scholar of Anglo-Saxon, the ancient speech of our folk. A staunch patriot who in his youth put his life on the line for his country in the front line trenches of the Great War. Alongside the humble British working and farming folk, stubborn, eccentric, insular, sometimes quaint and amusing, but at heart, brave, tenacious and incorruptibly decent upon which, as he later made clear, he based his books' heroes, the Hobbits.

As he based their homeland, the Shire, on his own homeland, the then unspoilt countryside of rural Warwickshire. And his tale upon the ancient tales sprung from the soul of his, and our, people, the old and glorious tales of the Norse and the Celts. Its appeal to millions of that heritage lying in its intended resonance with the deep roots of their ethnic cultural heritage. And in its heroic, epic style, a world away from the self-absorbed, narcissitic trivia associated with modern "literature", (i.e. it actually had a plot!).

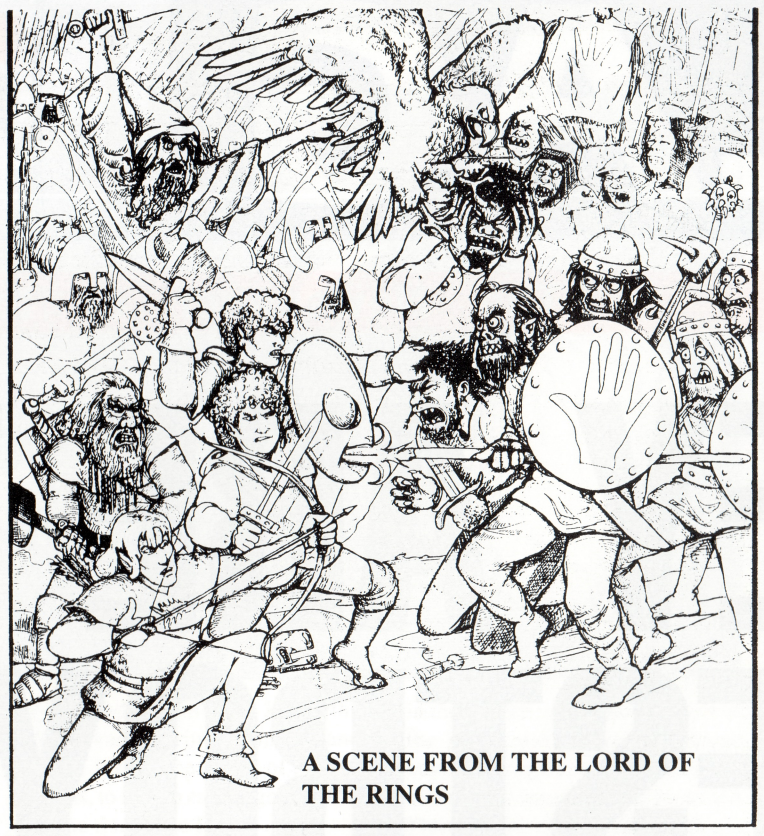
If even the politically correct trendies who watch Channel 4 think such a book is the best one written this century there really is hope for us yet! Hope because the evident success of Tolkien's book in appealing to ethnic roots and national identity in people who would deny having either, even to themselves, shows that the PC Thought Police trendy liberals maintain inside their own heads cannot blight their hearts, their deep, unconsciously held, instinctive feelings of ethnicity. Feelings which cause Tolkien's heroic romance to strike a deeply Politically Incorrect chord and show that, even in apparently hopeless trendies, to paraphrase Tolkien, at a level below conscious awareness the deep roots of ethnicity, of nationhood, within them have not really been touched by the PC frost. The flame of nationhood burns still, it seems, deep beneath the smokescreen of fashionable PC twaddle in the breasts of many who would, for now, be deeply embarrassed to admit it, even to themselves.

For now, because where a flame burns a fire can be kindled, a fire of national pride.

That a book intended by its author to help create "a mythology for England" should so triumph even in the very heart of unEnglish cosmopolitan trendiness proves there is indeed still hope that, as Tolkien put it:

From the ashes a fire shall be woken,
A light from the shadows shall spring;
Renewed shall be blade that was broken
The crownless again shall be king

✪ The next issue of Vanguard magazine (No. 51) will contain a special feature on Tolkien and The Lord of the Rings.



A SCENE FROM THE LORD OF THE RINGS

More British Money Drains Abroad

Export of capital by British bosses reached record levels last year. Accountants KPMG Corporate Finance have just announced that British businesses spent $34.1 billion on buying foreign firms in 1996, up almost a quarter on the $27 billion they spent on this in 1995.

Apart from the fact that it is just as wrong for British firms to buy up foreign businesses as it is for foreign firms to buy up ours, this export of British capital harms Britain. This is because it drains wealth created by British people - the firms' workforces - out of our economy and into the foreign economy.

The investment capital thus exported could have been spent in Britain building up British industry and commerce, creating jobs for British people. Whilst any profits extracted subsequently from the newly acquired foreign workforces bought by British corporate raiders will have been stolen from the foreigners whose work created the wealth thus sucked out of their country. These foreign-made profits will also mainly benefit only a few rich bosses, not the ordinary British people.

Money made in Britain should stay in Britain. Much of our country's relative economic decline over the past 150 years stems from this process of exporting British capital to build up rival economies whilst our own factories and plant, starved of that investment, stagnated and were left behind. 'British bosses' slices of other countries' economies should be given back to those countries in return for Britain taking back those parts of our economy grabbed by foreigners. Each country should own its own economy, and spend the wealth generated by its own economy on its own people.

Police Priorities: Catching Criminals or Community Relations?

The widow of P.C. Keith BlakelockElizabeth with their two sons. Did worries about the effects of proper policing on the local ethnic community contribute towards his death?

POLICE SERGEANTS, being tested for their annual examination, failed en bloc on one question because they thought they were being tested on racism when in fact they were simply being asked about police procedure.

The results of the 1996 Sergeant's Objective Structures Performance Examination provide further proof that many policemen are so confused and fearful of the culture of political correctness that it is affecting their judgement on the bread and butter issue of catching criminals.

Superintendant Glen Hutton of the Police Examinations and Assessment Unit explained what happened:

"During the exam actors were used in a role-playing exercise and because of the ethnicity of the actors, candidates were led to believe they were being tested on racism and gave the wrong response when confronted by a black woman".

This makes it very clear that political correctness has instilled in our police officers today a belief that they should respond differently when faced with a white person on the one hand and by a black person on the other. This is a very worrying trend when it is the foundation of law and order in this country that everyone should be treated equally.

As senior officers tried to explain away the exam result, they only made matters worse. Brian Mackenzie of the Police Superintendents' Association thought the fact that the Sergeants got the exam question wrong was good for the force: "It shows that there is a strong feeling in the service that it is essential to get the correct racial attitudes".

Superintendent Hutton explained the failure as simple confusion: "There has always been a section of the exam that deals with racism. Things were not made clear enough that this wasn't it". His comment, I'm afraid, only confirms that the officers would have got the right answer if they hadn't been confused by the race issue.

The National Democrats believe that political correctness has no place in Britain's police force. All are equal in the eyes of the law and it is anathema to Britain and the British people that a section of our society should be earmarked for preferential treatment.

Minor Party Sleaze

A DOCTOR from Altrincham has recently been cleared of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council after he sent an obscene letter to a woman lawyer. Dr. Richard Mrozinski wrote to the lawyer, Lesley Herbertson, about a case they were handling which alleged medical negligence on the part of Doctor Mrozinski.

In the letter he wrote: "You can stick a pineapple up your *****, blunt end first, stick your head between your legs and whistle 'Barcelona' if you like! Sincerely Dr Richard Mrozinski"

The General Medical Council ruled that the letter was "offensive and abusive" but they also ruled that Dr Mrozinski was not guilty of serious professional misconduct.

After the ruling a senior partner at the law firm of Lesley herbertson said: "I am completely appalled at the decision the committee has taken. Something further should have been done".

Dr Mrozinski is standing as a candidate for the United Kingdom Independence Party for the seat of Sale and Altrincham.

Royal Tournament to be televised by 'Gladiators' Company

For 40 years the Royal Tournament has been televised by the BBC, but now the rights to televise it have been sold to LWT, the company that makes the show "Gladiators".

The producer of "Gladiators", Ken Warwick, will be in charge of televising the Tournament. He is expected to give the show a 'younger feel'.

One hopes that television will not alter the format too much. If television is allowed to dictate the format then perhaps we can look forward to: Item 1: The Royal Lesbian massed bands; Item 2: A depiction of a court martial of a black soldier who is the victim of racial discrimination (he claims he was not promoted to the rank of Colonel despite being in the army for two years); Item 3: The traditional Royal Horse Artillery (however this year no live animals will be used); Item 4: The gun carriage contest (because of the younger viewers guns will not actually be used instead the gun crews will manhandle a large yellow bouncy castle along the route) Item 5: "Love at Sea": a depiction of the love affair between two sailors at sea.

Late Extra: Item 2 is being altered as the European Court has just declared Courts Martial to be illegal.

Birmingham Housing Officer sacked over Paedophile warning

Michael Wood, a Birmingham housing officer, has been suspended since November because he tipped off mothers on the Garretts Green Estate in Birmingham that there was a paedophile, George Taylor, living on the estate.

Michael Wood is supported by the local residents association. He told Council officials that he felt justified because there were a large number of children, many from one-parent families, living on the estate.

Britain has 'open door' to terrorists

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary has ordered immigration officers to stop searching the thousands of lorries and vans coming through Dover from Europe each day, according to a report in the Sunday Mirror.

Until now all freight has been checked by immigration officers, although not every lorry is searched. In just four months a total of 869 illegal immigrants were apprehended.

One customs officer said: "We might as well open up Britain to the riff-raf of Europe. So much for Howard's tough talk about taxing smugglers."

While an anti-terrorist branch officer said: "We may as well put up a sign: 'Britain welcomes careful terrorists".

Tony Blair gets stormy Muslim reception

On 8th February Tony Blair was forced to cut short a 'goodwill' visit to the Regents Park mosque as punches were thrown between young Islamic fundamentalists and security guards.

The trouble erupted as Tony Blair was being shown the mosque's prayer hole. Young muslims asked him if he would give special funding to Islamic schools. Mr Blair refused to answer and a heated confrontation took place.

Blindness linked to pollution

The incidence of age-related macular degeneration of the eye (AMD) has increased by 50% in parts of britain over the past 20 years.

Doctors at the Moorfield Eye Hospital are now seeking funding to examine the probable link with pollution, The disease has no effective treatment and leaves the sufferer unable to watch television or read a book or drive a car.

Europe suffers a flood of immigrants

In 1995 the population of Europe increased by 796,800 because of net migration from other parts of the world, and by 290,100 as a result of more births than deaths.

In Britain the net inflow of migrants was 90,000 while the natural increase was 90,300. These figures completely refute the claims of some people that more people are leaving the U.K. than entering it.

Britain with the highest population density of any major European nation is now bursting at the seams as a result of immigration and the high birth rate amongst Britain's immigrant communities.

Tuition fees for students agreed by a party conspiracy

George Walden, M.P. for Buckingham recently said that "No government of any complexion is going to give the universities the money they ask for and, I suspect need, to maintain quality". His conclusion is that whichever party wins the election tuition fees for most students will have to be introduced.

Already the London School of Economics has decided that from 1998 fees will have to be paid by students.

Britain still ignores U.N. charter and accepts refugees

A refugee woman from Africa has been housed by Brent Council and been given £400 a month in benefits despite the fact that Germany refused her asylum. The U.N. charter on refugees says that refugees should be accepted by their nearest country of sanctuary. Germany now applies this rule strictly while British authorities seem to believe that most of the world is Britain's nearest neighbour.

Small Firms Support The Post Office

In a report by the Federation of Small Businesses almost 80% of small businesses supported the Post Office's monopoly on letter deliveries.

The threat by the Conservatives to end the monopoly is opposed by most small firms on the grounds that it would lead to a disruption of the national service (just as on the railways) and lead to a more expensive service.

The survey carried out after a series of strikes still showed that 86% of small businesses were satisfied with the performance of the Post Office.

A similar survey on the newly privatised rail lines would be hard put to find 86% of customers "fairly satisfied".

Cost of a single currency £3.5billion to retailers

According to a report by EuroCommerce, the lobbying group for the European Distribution industry, the cost of switching to a single currency could be £3,500million for UK retailers. The total cost across Europe would be £22 billion.

This would be enought to wipe out the profits of many retail firms for a whole year or is equivalent to an extra £200 for each family in the E.U.

During the changeover period prices would probably have to be shown in both Sterling and in Euro money and almost all cash tills would have to be altered or replaced.

Articles & Cuttings

The Editor is always pleased to receive articles or cuttings which should be marked with their origin and date.

Please send all such items to: The Editor, The Flag, P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF.

Unemployment: The Phoney Figures

ONE OF THE 'SUCCESSES' of the last five years claimed by John Major's Government has been the so-called reduction in unemployment. Trying to bang the drum for the Government on the election trail recently Social Security Minister Alistair Burt claimed....

"There has been a substantial fall in unemployment since 1992. Some 900,000 people are no longer jobless". What Mr Burt conveniently chose to ignore is that since 1992 there has also been a rise in those people claiming income support. Now six million people in this country claim benefit, a rise of nearly a million in the last five years.

The Tories like to argue that the increased number in those claiming benefit is due to the age of the population and the number of people now claiming pensions. However the figures don't back this up as the number of pensioners now claiming has only risen by 148,000.

Many of the 900,000 people who have disappeared from the jobless total have simply switched from drawing unemployment benefit to claiming family credit.

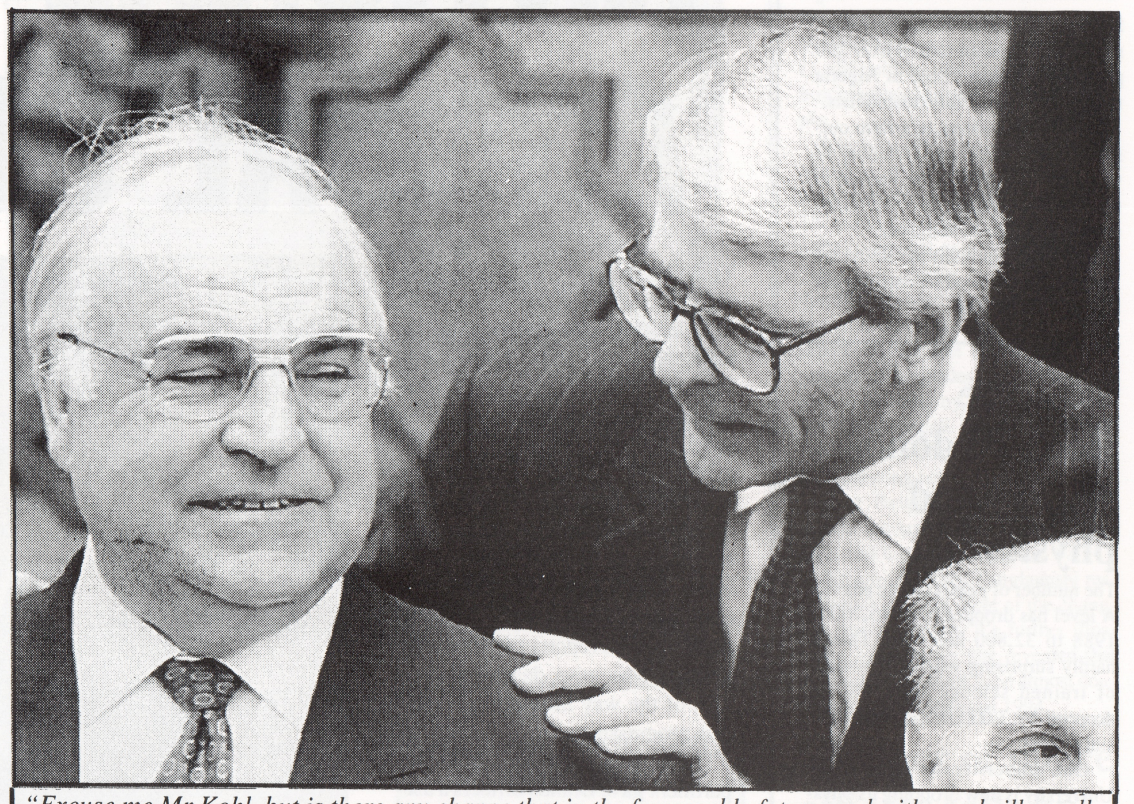
Family credit is now the most popular source of benefit for those struggling to survive in Britain today. The benefits, for a family with three children, can total over £150 a week with free health services and all the while the family can still be working part-time or just not declaring their income.

Family Credit is self regulating, there are no checks, and income figures can be massaged so the maximum claim can be made. Awards are for a six month period and the money can either be collected every week from the Post Office or paid directly into a bank account at the end of the month.

The Tory's job boom doesn't really exist. It's true that jobs have been created in their most recent term of office but in the main these jobs are part-time, low paid and for women. The majority are in the service industries which are in demand at the moment because of the recovery taking place. Once this recovery peters out the jobs will go and the official unemployment figures will rocket.

The policies of successive governments over the past 40 years will finally break the back of Britain's social security system. New arrivals in Britain during this time, who have never paid a penny in National Insurance are now drawing the full benefits. The National Insurance payments of a shrinking 'real workforce' has no chance of meeting the demands of the expanding number of social security claimants. Something will have to break, one day in the near future, and then millions of people will have to spend their lives in poverty and misery.

The real victims of this disaster will be Britain's pensioners. men and women who have worked all their lives and paid in to the system designed to look after them in later life. When their time comes to claim, they might just find that their N.I. payments made over the past 40 years have already been taken....by someone else.



"Excuse me Mr Kohl, but is there any chance that in the foreseeable future, and with goodwill on all sides, that we can have a few of our jobs back?"....."Nien!"

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE....

Thousands more Asians in Hong Kong received British passports at the beginning of February. Reversing an earlier "tough on immigration" pose, the Government dished out our nation's passports and the right to come and settle in our country to over 8,000 ethnic Indians and Pakistanis in the colony, none of whom have the slightest connection with Britain.

The reason was that the Communist Chinese, who take over Hong Kong in July, didn't want them and refused them Chinese citizenship. Yet the Indians and Pakistanis in question were nearly all born in Hong Kong, which China regards as always having been its territory. Most of them have lived in China for generations. They just aren't Chinese by race.

A definition of citizenship that Marxists in Beijing, unlike their Western counterparts seem perfectly happy with. So does everyone else. There has not been a peep of protest at this blatant bit of 'racism' from any of the usual quarters.

No one said the Hong Kong Pakistanis must be Chinese "because they were born there", or called the

Red regime "racists" for refusing them citizenship purely on racial grounds. Instead of protesting at the Pakistanis and Indians of Hong Kong being refused passports by their country of birth such liberals simply demanded, successfully, that they be given passports by Britain instead. A country with which they have no connection at all, by birth or blood! But if it's all right for Communists in Beijing to have a policy of China for the ethnic Chinese, what's so wrong with Britain for the ethnic British?

Selection of Leaflets

A selection of leaflets produced by the National Democrats
Including
Vanguard supplements on
The Railways, Europe, Small Businesses,
The Gloss Brochure on the Nat-Dems
Plus a selection of current and recent recruitment leaflets

1 pack £2.00 2 packs £3.00
3 packs £3.75 5 packs £4.50
Prices include postage.
From Freedom Books, BCM Newpat, London WC1N 3XX

Services Cuts Damage The Morale Of Our Servicemen

DURING the last 18 years of Tory mis-rule Britain's Services have been decimated in an effort to save money.

The Ministry of Defence came up with an idea of not only cutting the numbers of Servicemen but also the money that was paid to them. To do this they introduced redundancies and early retirements, shedding from the Army, Navy and Air Force Britain's very best servicemen. They hoped to replace these skilled fighting men with young raw recruits who they need pay only a fraction of the wages.

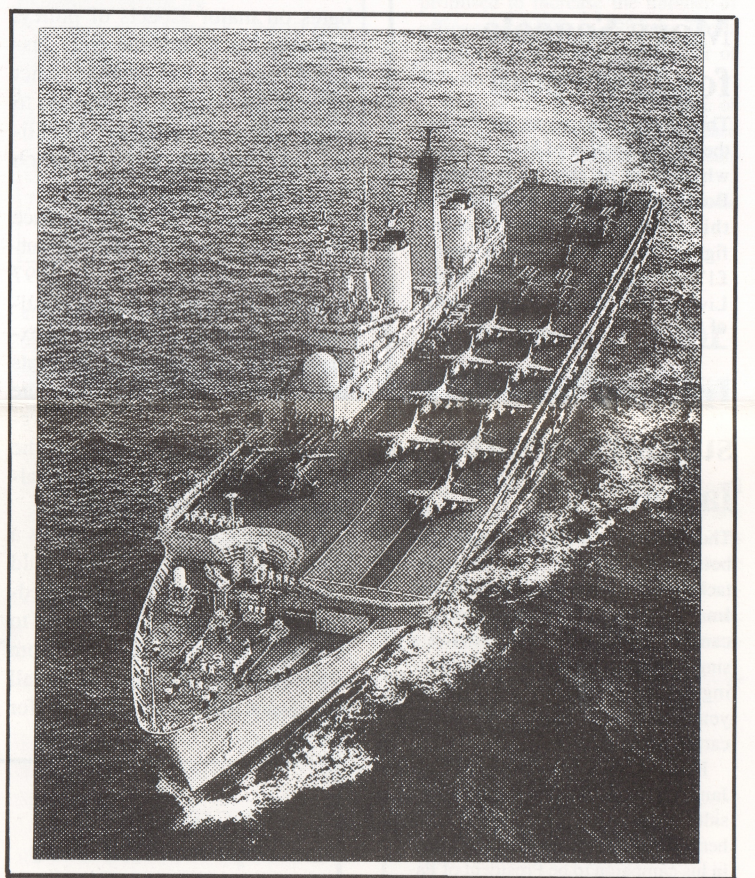
Unfortunately for the Government, while the experienced servicemen were got rid of, there was a decided lack of new recruits to fill their places. What is more the loss of experienced personnel has demoralised those remaining in the services and now there are more amongst the senior ranks wishing to leave. The Ministry of Defence recently revealed that ships in the Royal Navy were more than 600 crew short. The extra work for those who remain is encouraging even more to leave.

One Naval Officer told *The Flag* recently: "I love being in the Navy but with the shortage of manpower I am spending more and more time at sea and the amount of time I can spend with my family is getting less as each year goes past. I do not want to leave the Navy but I do want to see my children grow up and be with them for, at least, part of the time".

In an attempt to halt the exodus the Government has decided to 'bribe' servicemen to stay at their posts. In the Army, soldiers earmarked for front line fighting who agree not to leave for at least 12 months will get £1,400 each. Almost 3,000 men have taken up the offer at a cost of £4million to the M.O.D.

In the Navy, Sea Harrier pilots are being offered £10,000 to complete their medium career commission, and mechanics in the R.A.F. £3,000 to stay on for another 18 months over contracts.

As the cost of paying these 'sweeteners' mounts up, the savings made by the Government's round after round of cuts becomes less and less. In the end the savings will be minimal, yet the cost to our armed services will be catastrophic.



The ships are still at sea but what about sailors' families

Tories: Environmentally Friendly Only When It Suits Them

WHILE THE Government has taken action to curb motoring by raising petrol prices, it has totally ignored the effect on the environment of a system which encourages 'built in obselescence' in vehicles. This may be because while raising petrol prices also raises government income, anything which reduces car sales will also reduce government income.

The cost to the environment of manufacturing new cars is as significant as the amount of petrol used to power them through their average life span.

Yet at the request of the motor manufacturers, the government introduced the prefix lettter which identifies the year in which the car was built. This serves to encourage the purchase and rapid discard of vehicles - especially by the status symbol conscious classes: *"I've got a 'P' reg car, yours is only an 'N' reg"* - unfortunately such an attitude is only too prevalent - if it wasn't then why are 25% of all new car sales packed into August.

Now the Society of Motor Manufacturers has asked for two changes in the prefix each year - on March 1st and September 1st. This would promote additional sales and spread sales across two rather than one month each year. However such a system simply encourages the even more rapid purchase and discard system.

The National Democrats believe that the linking of number plate to year of manufacture should cease, instead a geographical based system should be reintroduced with the letter indicating the county of registration.....however, no doubt, this will soon be another decision that will be made in Brussels and so the views of British people and their concern for the environment will be ignored. We will probably end up with number plates that look like:-

EUUK756210K0HL866PKLFORD97531

Algeria falls victim of Islamic violence

Since January 10th when the fasting month of Ramadan started over 200 people have been killed in Algeria mainly by Islamic fundamentalists.

In one attack alone, at a farm outside Algiers, 15 people including 10 women and a child were hacked to death by a gang of 20 extremists, armed with knives and axes.

The Islamic militants say Ramadan is a propitious period for carrying out a *jihad* or holy war.

Even the teachers don't understand physics

The number of pupils taking physics A level has dropped from 45,700 in 1988 to 32,800 last year. This is hardly surprising when the number of trained science teachers has dropped by 3,000 in the four years since 1993.

One university,the East Anglia University is now dropping its physics degree. In a world where computer science and other modern technologies are dominating industry this decline spells trouble for the years ahead.

£35,000 statue of Mary Seacole for Liverpool

The Liverpool taxpayers are footing the bill for a statue of Mary Seacole which is to be erected in Princes Boulevard, Toxteth. The sculpture of this black American "freedom fighter" was to have cost a 'mere' £17,000 but has ended up costing Liverpool Council taxpayers a total of £35,000.

Imran Khan supports child labour

The campaign to eliminate child labour in Pakistan has come under attack from failed would-be President Imran Khan. In his recent election campaign, where he failed to win a single seat, he said that there was nothing wrong with boys and girls as young as five working long hours in carpet factories.

His wife, Jemima, daughter of Sir James Goldsmith campaigned alongside her husband. Poor woman, first her husband fails to win a single seat in his campaign to be President of Pakistan. Soon her father will fail to win a single seat in his campaign to be hailed as the 'saviour' of Britain.

Another daughter in trouble

Roisin McAliskey, daughter of Bernadette McAliskey (nee Devlin) has been remanded in custody while the German authorities try to extradite her in connection with an IRA bombing last June on the Osnabruck army base.

Roisin is pregnant and her solicitor tried to use this as an excuse for her to be released. The German authorities allege that she was part of a 5-member gang who fired missiles into the camp.

Hospital waiting lists soar in N.W.

More than 2,800 patients in North West England have been waiting for more than a year for hospital treatment. These figures covering the period up to the end of last December were more than treble the number for the previous quarter.

Nationally the number of patients waiting for more than a year has increased by 46% to 21,900.

However the South Manchester University Hospital Trust has found a solution to this problem - they have awarded their own chief executive a pay rise of 17% bringing Mike Brown a salary of £103,000 - other workers have been offered 2.4%.

NATIONAL DEMOCRAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the National Democrats took place on Saturday 25th January in the pleasant City of Lichfield in Staffordshire. Delegates from all over the United Kingdom attended and a special welcome was given to those delegates who had travelled over from Northern Ireland.

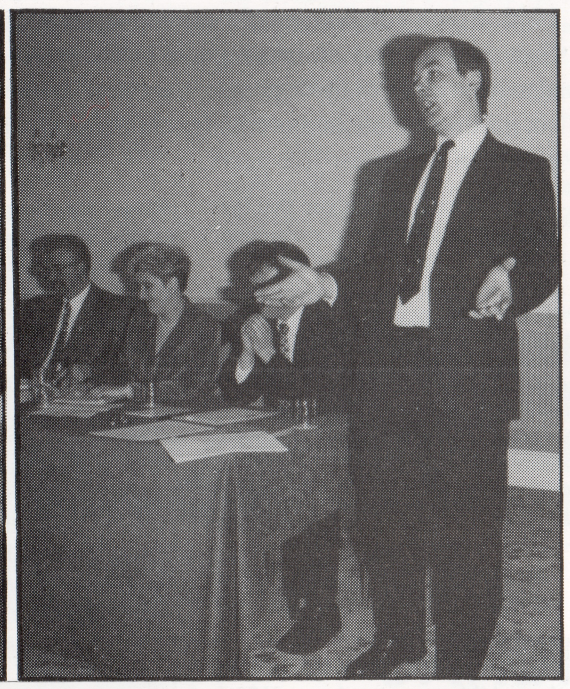
The total number of delegates was roughly double that of 1996 and this engendered a great atmosphere. The early part of the Conference was taken up with reports from national officers who gave delegates some idea of the way in which the party was progressing.

The report from the Elections Department gave Branch officers a useful jolt when it was explained just how tight the schedule can be for submitting nomination papers at the general election.

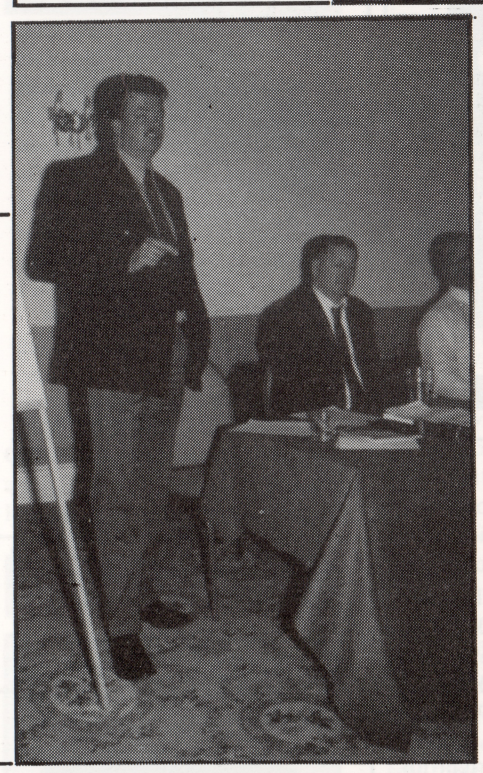
With most aspects of party policy now agreed and with the party manifesto having already been printed and distributed, there were no debates on major aspects of policy, however the topics that were discussed included gun controls (strict controls but no ban), a resolution to protect election candidates from libel and defamation, and a resolution on the national lottery.

Towards the end of the Conference Party Chairman, Ian Anderson, outlined the strategy plan for 1997 which was warmly and enthusiastically received by delegates. He explained how the National Democrats were aiming to use 1997 and the general election as a way of emerging as the main (and perhaps the only) democratic, patriotic challenger to the three old parties.

After the Conference there was a light buffet where delegates could relax and discuss the days proceedings and where they had a chance to meet and chat with members from other parts of the country. All in all a pleasant and very useful day for the party.



ABOVE LEFT: Kevin Sills, the Northants Organiser and other delegates listen to the debates.
ABOVE RIGHT: National democrat Party Chairman, Ian Anderson, explains the party's strategy plan.
RIGHT: Keith Sharp, Organiser for Burton on Trent, gives his fund raising report while the platform listens.
BELOW LEFT: National Elections Officer, Andy Carmichael, tells delegates about the time schedule for the election and tips for campaigning.



FAR RIGHT: Branch Development Officer, Gary Needs, announces the results of the 1996 Branch Efficiency League.
BELOW LEFT: Ulster Organiser, Jimmy Grundle and other delegates from Northern Ireland listen attentively to the election plans.
BELOW RIGHT: Derby branch members make sure the platform keeps to the agenda.

ELECTION COVERAGE ON THE INTERNET

http://www.netlink.co.uk/users/natdems
Regularly updated

Who Is She?

She is the mayor of a major city. She is attractive, intelligent and articulate, so she is obviously not from one of Britain's main parties. Her father is a jewish doctor, she wants to withdraw benefits from illegal immigrants.

She is Catherine Megret, the mayor of Vitrolles in France and a leading light in the party of Jean Marie Le Pen

Girl of 5 in robbery of 79 year old

A five year old girl was part of a three-strong female gang who forced a 79 year old grandmother back into the hall of her home in. Bollington, nr Macclesfield, Cheshire in early February.

A girl of about 17 held her in the living room of her bungalow while a woman of 30 and the young child searched her rooms and stole her purse containing just £10.

American Religious Imperialists at it again

American religion like so much in America is commercialised and packaged in a way that is anathema to most British people.

However as with Coca Cola, McDonalds etc. it is definitely for export if they can find someone prepared to accept its rather unpalatable taste.

Their latest export venture has been to the former Soviet Union, however this particular piece of cultural imperialism has not gone down too well.

The Josh McDowell Ministry in Dallas, Texas has attempted to recruit Russians by shipping out more than 200 of their Bibles to Semkhoz, north east of Moscow. However the established and traditional Russian Orthodox Church examined them and found them to be full of comic strips, Christ was only represented as a young man, and the Bible had Baptist interpretations not in keeping with the Russian Orthodox tradition.

Father Vladimir Rigin accused the Americans of trying to convert children away from Russian Orthodoxy. He said: "If the Americans want to help Russia after years of atheism, let them restore our churches and our monastries or print our own literature. Under the guise of presents, they are trying to propagate a different faith".

The villagers of Sekhoz agreed with Father Vladimir - they burned the Bibles.

Malta says No to the E.U.

The Maltese people who collectively won the George Cross for holding out against the pan-European designs of Adolph Hitler, have now demonstrated their bravery and independence again.

In their recent general election they voted in the Labour Party which has promised to drop the country's bid to become an E.U. member and has also promised to scrap V.A.T.

The Labour Party defeated the ironically named "Nationalist Party" which wanted to take Malta into the E.U.

E.U. Payment errors top £4billion

According to the British National Audit Office "poor financial and management controls" within the EU mean that payment errors in 1995 were estimated at £4,700million.

To no one's surprise southern European nations such as Italy and Spain were singled out for "shortcomings" in their procedures for controlling payments under the Common Agricultural Policy.

A sample set of payments examined by the EU's own audit office revealed almost total incompetence. Out of 683 payments examined, they found 98 where the transactions violated EU rules.

Traffic chaos may cause London to die

Traffic congestion is now being cited as the main reason why businesses are wanting to move out of London. According to the London Chamber of Commerce this is threatening London as an international commercial and financial centre.

The Chamber calls for proper funding for the Tube and bus network and a strategic transport plan for the capital.

The RAC predicts that unless there is a major change London's road netwrok will grind to a halt by the year 2005 - just 8 years away.

The present chaos surrounding the proposed privatisation of the tube and its recent declining standards have forced even more people back onto the roads. About 950,000 people now drive to work about the same number that use public transport.

Derby County Council non-racist, non-sexist but still ageist

Extract from a Derbyshire County Council Teacher Application Form: "The Council operates an equal opportunity policy to ensure that all people who apply for posts with the County Council, receive equal treatment in employment regardless of their age*, sex, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, race, creed, colour ethnic or national origin. Applications are particularly welcome from minority communities, women and disabled people.

*N.B. The Council does not however employ people over the retirement age of 65 years.

Madrid University Professor says Britain should stay out of EMU

Professor Pedro Schwartz of the University of Madrid said in mid-February that : "EMU is peddled as a political nostrum to cure all ailments... Britain would be well advised to go it alone in monetary matters"

Thousands of illegal immigrants work in Civil Service

According to a confidential report leaked in mid-March there are "several thousand illegal immigrants" working in the Civil Service.

John Tincey, spokesman for the Immigration Service Union said: "There is concern at a number of high profile court cases where immigration racketeers - including some who have settled in this country lawfully - have used their civil service contacts to help others side-step controls".

He also said that the leaked report had been "sat on for some time" because of the embarrassment it would cause. During this time, of course, no action has been taken.

Glowing Report For School With Six Pupils

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY Council's policy of supporting its rural communities has turned up trumps after school inspectors gave a glowing report to a school with only six pupils.

Kielder County First School, in a remote forestry area of Northumberland, was under pressure to close last year because there was criticism at the cost of keeping it open. If it had closed, the children would have had to travel 14 miles on country roads to the nearest school - an impossibility in the weather conditions this winter.

Head teacher David Lewis and his two part-time teachers have been praised in a report by Government inspectors which found that the school provided an excellent education for its pupils and value for money.

Inspectors said 75% of the teaching was better than average at the school and 33% of superior tuition was very good. "An excellent and stimulating curriculum offers equal access for all". It praised the school for its good provision for pupils with special needs, its rich extra-curricular activities and moral development through daily collective worship.

"Moral development is actively promoted through clear values and positive attitudes. The school fosters honesty, fairness and respect for the truth. Pupils are helped to develop a clear sense of right and wrong".

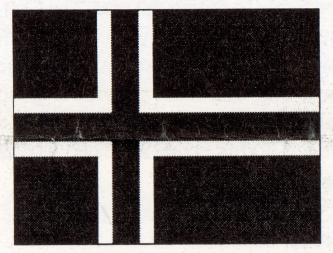
They were also impressed at the effective use made of teachers provided by Northumberland to support small schools in the area. "Overall, when consideration is given to the unique nature of the school, to educational standards, and to the quality of education provided, the school gives good value for money".

The National Democrats applaud the foresight of Northumberland County Council in supporting its rural communities. All over Britain villages are dying and rural life coming to an end because of the short - sightedness of Government and local council alike in cutting services to outlying parts of the country. Money is poured into towns and cities yet little is given to the villages of Britain that are fighting for survival.

A National Democrat Government would reverse this trend and ensure a blossoming future for communities that wish to enjoy a rural way of life.

More proof that Norway was right

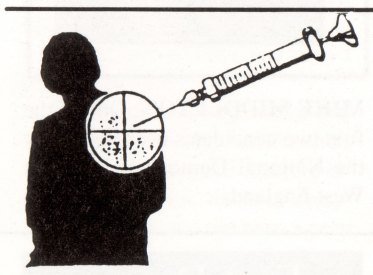
'THE FLAG' has time and time again praised the courage of the Norwegian people for standing up to all the pro-Euro forces and for voting in November 1994 not to join the European Union. In those intervening three years the people of Norway have been rewarded for their courage by reaping the rewards of being outside the E.U.



In the last two years economic growth has risen to nearly 5% thanks to an 8% increase in exports. Unemployment is now down to 3.5% making a nonsense of the pro-Euro campaigners who had predicted that the jobless total would rise to one-in-ten if the country turned its back on Europe.

The other three countries who held a referendum on the EU in 1994 have a very different tale to tell. A 'Yes' vote in Finland has led to economic growth plunging to just 2.6% while unemployment is approaching 1 in 5. Things are not much better in Sweden, where again they voted 'Yes' in 1994. They are facing up to life with 8% of their workforce unemployed and economic growth a miserable 1.7%. In Austria, where scenes of wild elation from the 'Yes' vote campaigners after their victory, things are very similar with unemployment rising to 9% and economic growth barely 1%.

Britain has a lot to learn from the lessons that have come out of those four referendums in 1994. Let's hope if we get the chance to vote on our future we have the courage to stand up to the pro-Euro media barrage and emulate the brave people of Norway by voting to get out of the European Union.



Anti Drugs Campaign

AS SOON AS THE General Election is over the National Democrats are launching a nationwide "Shop-A-Dealer" campaign as part of its efforts to get drug dealers off the streets and put where they belong - in jail.

The Flag has been told by a number of readers that getting action taken against drug dealing on the streets, in housing estates and near schools, is extremely difficult. The Flag newspaper will now start collecting information, will inform the police and press for action. If action is not forthcoming then the details of the dealing will be published.

Where necessary a special video unit will be despatched to collect evidence. To promote the campaign leaflets are now being prepared and supplies can be ordered by phoning our anti-drugs co-ordinator(see below).

The amount of hard drugs now being brought into this country and sold on Britain's streets has been increasing rapidly. The violent gangs who control much of the distribution include the Jamaican 'Yardies' , and already Chinese 'Triad' gangs are operating in Britain. The increase in the number of Triads in Britain as a result of John Major's decision to hand out U.K. passports like confetti means that there is every likelihood of drugs wars on an unprecedented scale over the next few years.

The way to avoid this is to help clamp down on the drug dealers NOW!

Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator
0181-471 6872

1996 Branch Efficiency League

AT THE Annual Conference of the National Democrats held at the end of January the Branch efficiency awards were made for 1996.

National Democrat branches participate in a league system similar to that adopted for football in England.

There are two divisions the Premier Division and the First Divison, however, unfortunately neither is sponsored (as yet). Top of the Premier Division came the North West of England who amassed an excellent 2,002 points beating off challenges from the South West (2nd place) and the East Midlands.

Relegated were Northants who will be in the First Division for this year. The First Division title was taken by the West Midlands who achieved a staggering 2,499 points which not only earns them promotion to the First Division but will make them formidable contenders to win that division this year.

Runners up in the First Division were London, who came on strongly at the end of the year folowed by N. Ireland and Burton on Trent who, in view of their limited area of operation, did really well.

With new branches being formed and some of the larger ones splitting up into their constituent parts 1997 should prove to be a fascinating year and there is already proving to be stiff competition - but as yet no branch has offered any transfer fees to outstanding activists. The National Democrats remain an entirely amateur operation - in the best sense of the word.

BRANCH EFFICIENCY LEAGUE
Final Table 1996

PREMIER DIVISION	
1. North West Eng	2002 pts
2. South West Eng	1694 pts
3. East Midlands	1538 pts
4. Northants	695 pts

FIRST DIVISION	
1. West midlands	2499 pts
2. London	1699 pts
3. N. Ireland	1439 pts
4. Burton on Trent	1307 pts
5. Yorkshire	897 pts
6. Thames Valley	545 pts
7. Leicestershire	422 pts

LEICESTER BRANCH

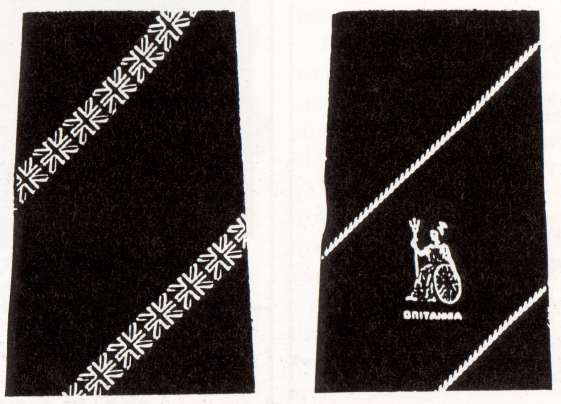
THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATS' Leicester Branch has been going from strength to strength and now has its own address: P.O. Box 1052, Leicester LE2 1YR. The Branch has grown so rapidly that they are contesting two out of the three Leicester constituencies which will involve the distribution of about 80,000 leaflets across the city and this is bound to accelerate their growth even more.

Recruits have been gained who are new to politics, while others have come from the main political parties and also from smaller groups such as the Referendum party. After the election the East Midlands Region has an ambitious plan of activities which will certainly bring in yet more members throughout Leicestershire and the other East Midland counties.

It is hardly surprising that the National Democrats are doing so well. In a survey of the quality of life carried out by Strathclyde University, Leicester came 176th out of 189 British cities and towns. East Midlands neighbour Nottingham came bottom and the National Democrats will be fielding a candidate in this city as well.

After decades of Tory and Labour national and local government these two cities have ended up as some of the least favourable places to live in according to their residents. It is hardly surprising that the future is looking very bright for the National Democrats in the East Midlands and that must be good for the people of this region.

TOP QUALITY TIES



Top Quality Ties Both With Dark Blue Background
BRITANNIA TIE: has motif and thin red white diagonal stripes
UNION JACK: has diagonal stripes of small union jacks
£9.95 each inc. post from:
Freedom Books, BCM Newpat, London WC1N 3XX.

Curry House Boom

One of Britain's booming industries is that of the Bangladeshi restaurant. Figures released in December showed that the annual turnover of the 10,000 Bangladeshi restaurants in Britain is £1,600 million and that the industry now employs in excess of 70,000 people.

When East Pakistan became Bangladesh in 1971 there was a flood of mainly Muslim Bengalis to Britain. The native food industry started originally to provide an acceptable diet to these newcomers to Britain but it quickly expanded to meet the demands placed on it by the indigenous population. In the last thirty years the number of Bangladeshi restaurants has been increasing by about 300 a year and now Bengali cuisine is so well established in Britain that our country's catering colleges are now introducing Bengali cooking courses within the standard Hotel Management and Catering diplomas.

The growth of the Bangladeshi restaurant is just one facet of the changing face of Britain. It's further illustrated by a survey that revealed that the market for ethnic food almost doubled between 1990 and 1994.

Number of police officers falls by 1,000

Despite Government assurances to the contrary, the number of police officers in England and Wales fell by 993 between 1992 and 1996. The Conservative Election Manifesto in 1992 promised to increase the number of officers by 1,000. In 1995 the Tories promised to increase the number of officers by a further 5,000.

Instead of a promised increase of 6,000 we have actually seen a decrease of 1,000 - and the Tories are still making promises.

Arts training for ethnic minorities only

The North West Regional Arts' Board has set up a new scheme to train arts administrators from abroad. Woo Arts traineeships worth £9,000 each have been set up to "counteract under-representation of African, Caribbean, south Asian and Chinese communities" in arts administration.

Patients sent home early to boost profits

Doctors warned in early February that some health insurers are trying to boost profits by getting doctors to send patients home early after treatment.

Charles Akle, a leading surgeon said: "They are interfering with the clinical judgement of the medical profession. In a lot of cases the pressure is working and risks are being taken."

Akle said that one 78 year old blind patient who lived alone was told by his insurers that they would only pay for one day in hospital after a hernia operation when Dr Akle had said that two days would be required. The insurers only backed down when Dr Akle threatened to "raise hell".

German building workers demonstrate over immigration

On 14th March over 15,000 building workers took part in a demonstration in the Potsdamer Place, Berlin, right outside the Reichstag which is currently being re-built.

The demonstration organised by the German Trade Union Federation was against the use of cheap foreign labour on German building sites.

Dieter Shulte, chairman of the German Trade Union Federation told the workers: "Our battle is against all those who want to turn this republic into a temple for brokers and speculators".

The FLAG

Editorial

Editor: Ian Anderson
Contributing Editors:
John Stephens
Martin Wingfield

P.O.Box 2269, London E6 3RF
Telephone: 0181-471 6872
e mail: natdems@netlink.co.uk
www page: http:/www.netlink.co.uk/users/natdems

Thank You, Sir James.....

He has ridden into the election campaign with £20,000,000, a couple of passports, a global family, properties scattered from Mexico to France and with all the political experience of a parish councillor. Should we applaud his Don Juan-like self confidence or decry his opportunism and irrelevance.

There are two ways of looking at Sir James' efforts. Firstly from the short term point of view of the country. Anything that might lead the United Kingdom out of the clutches of the E.U. must be a good thing. If Sir James gets up enough of a head of steam he might just persuade other politicians that a referendum is desirable. Whether such a referendum would be fair is another matter - but the British people would have an opportunity to demonstrate either their bulldog determination and independence or their ostrich-like determination to hide from the truth.

Secondly we can view Sir James from the long term interests of this country - and that means whether or not he advances the cause of the National Democrats. The answer to this is a simple YES. His party has no political future, it is only held together by his money, but it is detaching thousands of people from the 'big three' and allowing them to consider the possibility of other parties.

In fact over the past year we have seen a steady trickle of people leaving the main parties to go to the Referendum Party, only to leave that and either join the National Democrats directly or pass through the half-way house of the U.K. Independence Party. After the election this is bound to accelerate.

As individuals come to recognise the irrelevance of the "class politique" so they need such half-way houses before arriving with the National Democrats. The party might have set up such organisations itself, but thanks to Sir James and his money, the job has been done and much more effectively than the National Democrats could have done it. So thank you Sir James, but don't hang around too long, you have served your purpose, and anyway baby Suleiman needs his grandfather.

General Election Message From National Democrat Chairman

At long last the election is upon us. Months of preparation by the National Democrats are now going to be put to the test. At the time this article is written the National Democrat campaign is in full swing and going relatively smoothly.

Most of the 900,000 main election leaflets have not only been printed, they are with the relevant branches. These branches are busy completing their nomination papers and putting the final touches to their campaign plans.

There are bound to be a few hiccups along the way, but the whole party seems quite confident that it will handle the election efficiently, competently and that the party will very significantly benefit from the campaign.

Although currently still some 10 days from the date that nominations even open the party is achieving significant publicity on radio and in regional and local newspapers.

One of the more pleasing aspects, so far, has been the tremendous response through the party's Internet operation. Although the campaign proper has not really started hundreds of new people each week are accessing our web site and reading the information contained on it....a significant proportion of these are following this up by a full membership enquiry to head office.

I am quite confident that this general election will see the full launch of the National Democrats as Britain's new political force - this is just the starting point but it will mark the emergence of the party fully onto Britain's political stage. The policies, ideology and members of the National Democrats make our party a highly attractive proposition for the British people. The hard work and dedication of our members ensures that we will be able to put our message directly to them.

A National Democrat bandwagon is now developing and our current members will have the satisfaction of knowing that they were in with us right at the beginning, before we develop into the major political party that I am certain we will shortly become.

STICKERS

ALL PRINTED IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE
National Democrat on Union Jack (s/g)
Protect Our Old Folk (s/g)
Give Our Children A decent Future (s/g)
Drugs Kill: Hang The Drugs Barons (s/g)
Say No To The Euro State (g)
Save our Fishing Industry (s/g)
Anti-IRA (s/g)
Stand by Loyal Ulster (s/g)
Put The British people First (s/g)
Capital Punishment - Let The People Decide

s- self adhesive g- gummed
All at £2.50 per pack including postage. 5 packs for £10.
Send to: Freedom Books, BCM Newpat, London WC1N 3XX.

YOUR NEAREST BRANCH

LONDON
0181-471 6872
P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF.
Branches: East london & Essex, North London.

WEST MIDLANDS
01902-892769
P.O. Box 89, Cannock, Staffs WS12 4YZ.
Branches: Dudley, South Staffs, Wolverhampton, Birmingham

THAMES VALLEY
P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF.
Branches: Slough, Reading

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND
01392-424098
P.O. Box 51, Exeter, Devon EX2 8AN
Branches: Exeter, Plymouth, Torbay.

EAST MIDLANDS
P.O. BOX 214, Derby, Derbyshire DE1 9HA.
Branches: Derby, Northampton, Burton on Trent, Leicester, P.O. Box 1052, Leicester LE2 1YR.

YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE
P.O. Box 118, Hull, East Yorkshire HU9 4YX.
Branches: Hull & East Yorkshire, W. Yorkshire, Grimsby.

NORTH WEST ENGLAND
01254-664626
P.O. Box 89, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 7FW.
Branches: Blackburn, Liverpool, Wirral, Southport

NORTHERN IRELAND
P.O. box 25, Coleraine, N. Ireland BT51 3RX.
Branches: Coleraine, Belfast

If there is no branch near you but you would like to be put in touch with other members nearby please phone head office and we will check our records. This service is available to National Democrat members only.

ELECTION NEWS

Bermondsey

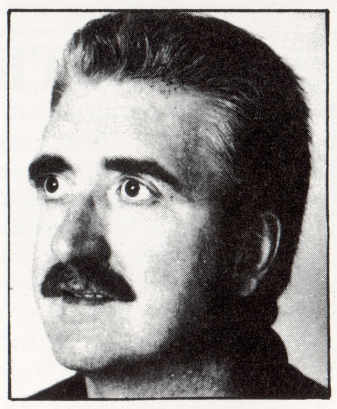
1992 RESULT

S. Hughes (LibDem)	21,459
R. Balfe (Lab)	11,614
A. Raca (Con)	3,794
S. Tyler (BNP)	530
T. Blackham (NF)	168
G. Barnett (NLP)	113
J. Grogan (CL)	56

INGGA YNGVISSON is a 33 year old full time housewife, happily married with two sons. Ingga is heavily involved in conservation work and serves with a number of conservation groups. The family are also keen on organic farming and grow most of their own vegetables and fruit.

Despite being an urban area with much deprivation Bermondsey has returned a Liberal Democrat, Simon Hughes, at the last election. However with their decline Labour must be likely to regain the seat. The Conservatives have never been in a position to challenge seriously for the seat and this must provide a good basis for Ingga to achieve a good result in this potentially very fertile area for the party.

East Ham



GRAHAM HARDY is 40 years old and has been married for 16 years to Heather. He is a partner in a thriving retail business.

Graham is taking on the interesting seat of East Ham in East London. Although it is a staunch Labour seat there are expected to be a record number of candidates including one Imran Khan (No, not that one) for Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party.

The National Democrats are expecting to do well in this constituency where there is a solid core of support and which is one of the more deprived areas of East London. The National Democrat campaign will also be helped by the solidly Labour Council which is incompetent and by the lack of any credible opposition to it...and that's where the Nat-dems come in.

Rowley Regis

KAREN NEEDS is a 27 year old mother of three children and is married to Executive Council Member Gary Needs. She works in the retail industry and has been selected for this new constituency of Halesowen and Rowley Regis. As this is a new seat there is no previous record on which to base the constituency, but it is in the heart of the West Midlands where the party is relatively strong.

Karen is the fourth of our lady candidates which means that nearly 20%, of National Democrat candidates will be ladies - a higher proportion than most other parties and this has been achieved without any silly quota system - they have been selected on their merits.

The National Democrat ELECTION MANIFESTO

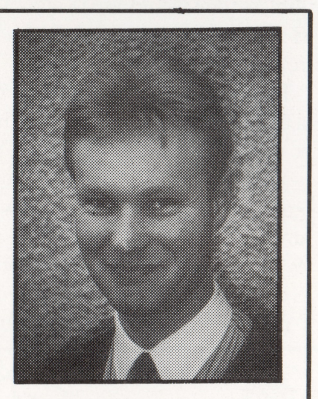
The most comprehensive description of National Democrat policies including:
The Environment, Ulster, The Constitution, Europe, The Health Service, Transport, Etc.
£2.50 inc. post. from
Freedom Books, BCM Newpat, London WC1N 3XX

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

1. West Bromwich West	Steve Edwards
2. Burton on Trent	Keith Sharp
3. Dagenham	Mike Hipperson
4. Birmingham, Ladywood	Andy Carmichael
5. Plymouth Devonport	Stephen Ebbs
6. Londonderry East	Ian Anderson
7. Dudley North	Simon Darby
8. Stoke on trent South	Brian Lawrence
9. Blackburn	Tina Wingfield
10. Wolverhampton NE	Martin Wingfield
11. Leicester South	Kevin Sills
12. East Yorkshire	Mike Cooper
13. Leicester West	Clive Potter
14. Nottingham South	Sharron Edwards
15. Derby South	Rob Evans
16. Bermondsey	Ingga Yngvisson
17. East Ham	Graham Hardy
18. Southport	Mike Middleton
19. Rowley Regis	KarenNeeds
20. East Devon	Gary Needs

This is the current list as The Flag goes to print but it may still be possible that the final total will be slightly larger.

Southport



MIKE MIDDLETON: One of the first two candidates ever fielded by the National Democrats in North West England.

MIKE MIDDLETON is a 34 year old manager working within the retail trade, formerly he has served as a police officer. Mike is a married man and has been a member of the National Democrats for about two years.

Southport is a marginal seat between the Tories and the Liberal Democrats and will prove to be an interesting seat at this election. Mike will be campaigning strongly on law and order issues, on which he is well qualified to speak and this may well give rise to a surprise National Democrat vote.

1992 RESULT

M. Banks (Con)	26,081
R. Fearn (LibDem)	23,018
J. King (Lab)	5,637
J. Walker (Grn)	545
G. Clements (NLP)	159

East Devon

GARY NEEDS is a 35 year old married man who has a young family. Gary runs his own printing and distribution business in Exeter where he has lived all his life.

Gary is the Branch Liaison Officer of the National Democrats and a member of the Executive Council.

Under his leadership the South West England Region has operated extremely well and is a great credit to the party. In many ways this part of the country is not ideal for the National Democrats however Gary's work has meant a steady influx of recruits and a very active Region.

Gary is one of three candidates being fielded in the South West.

ELECTION FUND- CAN YOU HELP?

The National Democrats are not a rich political party and urgently need funds for the election campaign. If you can help, please send your donation to:
The National Democrats, P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF

Letters & Other Press Coverage

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To: Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF.

Lib-Dems backing Speaker

Sandwell's Liberal Democrat group today pledged its support to House of Commons Speaker Betty Boothroyd at the General Election.

Councillor Sadie Smith quoshed rumours that they would break with tradition by standing against the Speaker for the West Bromwich West seat.

She said: "There are certainly no plans at this stage to stand against Miss Boothroyd." The borough's Tory group has already announced it will not be fielding a candidate.

But the National Demo-

Traitors in our midst

The signing up of a single currency by Britain will most certainly be the final nail in the coffin of this once "great nation".

The handing over of our gold reserves to Brussels will leave us completely at the mercy of Euro Federalists who have never had neither a fondness or compassion for this "sceptred isle".

We are on a rollercoaster drive towards Europe that we can't seem to get off. Our politicians are suffering from a serious case of Mad Euro Disease and are in relentless pursuit in pushing those they serve into a European super state.

It is inconceivable that the sacrifice made by our fellow countrymen in two world wars can so easily be forgotten by these traitors in our midst.

Steve Edwards,
National Democrats,
West Bromwich.

Only realistic policy to get out

— I refer to the article *European vessel ing us into much calmer water* in last Fri- s *Observer*.

hy is Michael Hindley saddened at the ıte on the EU resulting in a question of ther we remain in the EU or not?

rhaps his sadness is linked to the thought of g such a lucrative job with its outrageously- amed attendance allowance and travel ıses.

o not believe that Mr Hindley's obtaining of ctive Two status for East Lancashire — securing millions of pounds more in fund- or the area" — is an achievement.

ch family of four in the UK pay an extra £28 ek on their food bill to subsidise the Com- Agricultural Policy. The UK's net contribu- until 31 March 1999 is over £8.4M a day.

ditionally, the funding we do receive from EU includes money to decommission our fishing fleet. Is that funding worth ing about Mr Hindley?

o things stood out in the article — the lack ures quoted and the predictable name-call- those who wish to leave the EU (but doing ter avoids having to do the former).

small point, the persistent use of the word e in place of the EU is deliberately mis- g – there are more than twice as many ean countries outside the EU as in it.

ough this may sadden Mr Hindley, the ic action for the UK to take is to withdraw mbership of the EU immediately – as by the National Democrats — Yours etc.

STEPHEN EBBS
burn organiser, National Democrats West)

Ruled by faceless men of Brussels

Sir — I refer to the article *Praise for shorter Euro working week* in last Friday's *Observer*.

The approval of the EC directive on working hours was favourably greeted by our Euro-MP Mr Michael Hindley and his political allies, but why?

Should the Labour Party obtain 330 seats (ie a majority) in the next British Parliament they should be able to introduce such measures or better. For example, why not a minimum of four weeks' paid leave?

Can we conclude that a future Labour Government alone does not have the political willpower to seek to improve the working conditions of the working people of the UK?

Also, could Mr Hindley explain to the work groups which are outside the scope of the EC directive why he believes in their exemption from it? Do their long hours — to quote Mr Hindley — not "cause accidents, illness and stress?"

As we have seen, EU directives override UK law so why vote Labour, Conservative or Liberal Democrat?

The faceless, unelected and unaccountable in Brussels rule and while we remain a part of the EU then Westminster will merely be an agency of Brussels.

The Conservadives' attack on the role of a future Labour Government in the EU is irrelevant.

Mr Heath, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major, all Conservative Prime Ministers, were in office when we joined the EEC and when the Single European Act and the Maastricht Treaty were signed.

The Conservative Party, Labour and the Liberal Democrats will take the UK to the same destination. The only thing they disagree on is the speed at which this is to be achieved.

In stark contrast, the National Democrats are committed to the immediate withdrawal of the UK from the EU — Yours etc.

STEPHEN EBBS
burn Organiser, National Democrats West)

ACCRI
UNGTON OBSERVER 22.NOV.96

Straw challenge from the far right

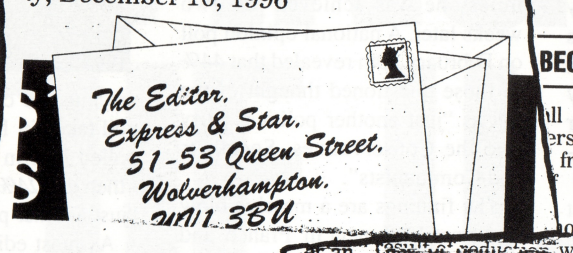
A FAR-right party plans to put forward a candidate in Blackburn during the General Election.

The National Democrats have picked Cumbria-based Tina Wingfield to stand against Labour's Jack Straw and Tory candidate Geeta Sidhu.

The National Democrats advocate capital punishment and halting immigration and have strong links with the

TINA WINGFIELD

y, December 10, 1996



BECK

ll the
ersua-
from
the

ot a
of an
legree
er hus-
indus-

Demo-
to the
nion,
g the
grants
triated
of ille-

claims
votes

case of being left wing or right wing, there are a lot of people who are disillusioned with the major parties.

Opposed

"We are the only party who are opposed to the European Union and believe in reinstating the death penalty.

"I am sure many of the Asian people living in Blackburn would support our policies of financial assistance for immigrants wanting to leave the country.

"Many immigrants are unhappy at the idea of living in an alien culture and would welcome the chance to return to live in a country where they feel happy with the customs and culture."

The National Democrats have decided to stand in Blackburn because they want to challenge Jack Straw who they believe will be a future Home Secretary.

The party is not contesting any other seats in the East Lancashire area.

The only real justice

The new Labour Party has made a new pledge to the electorate.

It is their intention to stop being soft on crime by advocating criminals write to their victims in order "to say sorry" for what they've done!

How very reassuring this will be to the parents whose children have been sexually abused and murdered by paedophiles, when the only reasonable justice affordable to these monsters is capital punishment.

Steve Edwards,
National Democrat
Parliamentary
Candidate,
West Bromwich West
Constituency.

Party names candidate

Mr Keith Sharp, a married 41-year-old Burton businessman, will stand for the National Democrats against Conservative MP Sir Ivan Lawrence.

"We are opposed to further immigration into Britain, not only from other races but also any further white immigration from places like Australia.

"I have to stress this is not on racial grounds but economic and environmental grounds. This country is too densely populated already, more so than any other country in Europe, and the result is pollution, traffic jams and unemployment.

"We are not a pressure group or one issue party, as we have a full range of policies with law and order, the running down of the health service and withdrawal from Europe at the forefront."

Immigration: Labour copies Tories

Sir,

Over the past few years the 'New Labour Party' of Tony Blair has copied nearly everything they can from the Tories. Now it seems that they are also about to steal their immigration policy... or rather, their lack of an immigration policy.

I see that Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, has pledged to ease immigration rules (presuming that further easing is possible). In a letter to the Confederation of Indian Organisations he said that it is unfair that a German citizen can bring a spouse into the UK while a British citizen may not be able to bring in a non-EU wife or husband.

In other words the current marriage racket from South East Asia is to be given Jack Straw's seal of approval. This may gain him a few votes amongst Asians in Blackburn (where he is standing) but it might just persuade a few white people to vote for your candidate. I hope so!

Well wisher, Blackburn

Michael Howard's astonishing remark

Sir,

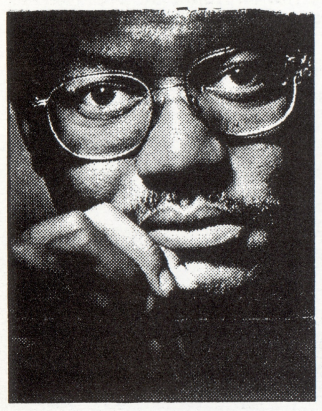
I am sure many of your readers will have seen the latest appalling figures for violent crime. Released on 15th March they show that for the most serious offences the number of crimes had rocketed by 17% over the past year while the figures for rape showed an increase of 15%. Overall violent crime rose by 11%.

The figures for total crime were down by just 1.3% mainly due to a drop in burglary and theft - although whether this is because of a real drop or because many people simply don't bother reporting these now "everyday" events is unknown.

However what I find most incredible is the statement by our Home Secretary, Michael Howard, when the figures were released. He said: "We believe that these figures indicate a real success story". Is the man mad or does he just live on a different planet to the rest of us?

P. Finch, LONDON.

Black American says "Thank God for slavery"



Sir,

We have all become so used to the politically correct enforcement of guilt feelings over the plight of slaves that a recent article I read by a black American came as a breath of fresh air.

Mr Keith Richburg has apparently published a book called "Out Of America" in which he says that thanks to slavery he now lives in America and not in Africa which he describes in gruesome detail as he depicts barbarism and corruption and genocide across parts of the continent.

He also has managed to upset politically correct America by confirming that in all likelihood he was first enslaved by a black African chieftan before being sold to any white man.

Perhaps his most damning comment is on the climate of PC in America: "I'm tired of lying and I'm tired of all the ignorance and hypocrisy and double standards. I hear and read about Africa, much of it from people who've never been there, let alone spent three years walking around amid the corpses"

I have asked my library to get me a copy.

J.C., BRIGHTON

Betty getting Worried

I see that the three main parties are ganging up on your candidate for West Bromwich West in the general election. Apparently they have formed a group called the "Friends of the Speaker" which they hope will attract support from all three main parties to counter your party's decision to contest the Speaker's seat.

I think that this simply shows that there is very little difference between the three main parties and I think you are quite right to contest this seat. It is surely nonsense to decide who is to be Speaker of the House of Commons before it is even known who is going to be a member; any sane body does this the other way around. It also completely disenfranchises the electorate of West Bromwich West. Perhaps they should remember the old political cry: No Taxation Without Representation - after all having only one candidate would effectively mean having no choice in who represents them.

N. Brown, ESSEX

Tories try to play race card - Again!

I see that my local M.P. Nicholas Budgen has woken up to the fact that there is a general election - he has started talking about race. For the last five years he has kept quiet about this subject but now, once again, with his seat threatened he suddenly remembers that he is terribly worried about the effects of the last 17 years of continuous immigration.

I know politicians think we are stupid, but surely not even the British people can fall for this trick. It was bad enough when Mrs Thatcher tried it in 1979 but to complain about immigration after his party has been in power for 17 years is unbelievable.

J.W. WOLVERHAMPTON

War Pensions sold to The Japanese

Sir,

I am a member of the Far East Prisoners of War Association and have just been informed that the department which handles my war pension is being sold off to the Japanese.

I know the war was a long time ago, but for some of us it is still an important part of our lives and something we will never forget.

I do not know who is responsible for this action but I would like to tell them that if it wasn't for the Japanese I would not need a war pension as I would have been able to have had a proper full time job after the war.

I am very angry that the people who have seriously affected my life in this way should now be taking over the department that handles my pension. I cannot forgive them for what they have done, but this latest act really does rub salt into this very old wound.

P.M. Lancashire

Yorkshire Health Authority Gravy Train

Sir,

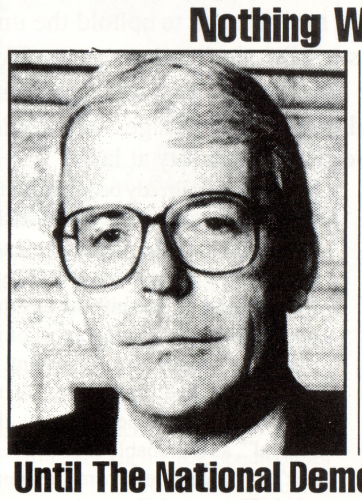
We are always being told that the health service is short of funds and that is why there are long waiting lists. The Tories tell us that by setting up hospital trusts with professional management this will all change.

However I now read in my local newspaper that Yorkshire Regional Health Authority used some of their funds as follows:- hotel expenses including meals with bottles of wine costing up to £40, birthday cakes, £650 in hotel 'tips'. Another item investigated was the award of a £43,000 contract by the personnel division to a company owned by the husband of the Personnel Director. Relocation expenses were paid to some senior management of upto £67,000.

If this is what "professional management" is like then it is something I think most health services could do without.

K. Barrow, YORKSHIRE

It Doesn't Matter Who is Elected Nothing Will Change



Until The National Democrats Come To Power

JOIN NOW!

Please send me an information pack and application form to join the National Democrats

Name.....

Address.....

.....

Send to The NationalDemocrats, P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF or phone our hotline on 0181-471 6872.

FN leads way to France's New Spring

FRONT NATIONAL: "Peut-etre une hirondelle du printemps francais?" (Perhaps a swallow of France's Spring?)

"AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR" exclaimed the headline on the "Centre Presse" newspaper after Catherine Megret, the FN candidate, was elected mayor of Vitrolles - a town to the north of Marseilles. She joins the mayors of Toulon, Marignane and Orange as one heading a local authority run by the party of Jean Marie Le Pen in France.

In the second round of voting, which saw a run off between the FN and Jean-Jacques Anglade, the socialist candidate, on a turnout of 77%, Catherine Megret scored a 52%-48% victory over her rival.

This latest success, described by FN leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen as "perhaps a swallow of France's Spring?" made headlines on every newspaper and was the lead item for two days on every national and local television station.

The people of Vitrolles turned out to welcome the new Mayor as she took office a week later and a left-wing counter demonstration was dwarfed by those supporting her.

Within two weeks of this success, France's Conservative Government was rushing through new strict laws to stop the immigration of thousands of Africans and Asians who arrive each month in the country without papers.

Immigration is the main issue in France at the moment even topping unemployment as the most important political problem facing the country. The Socialists and Communists have joined together and staged noisy demonstrations against the new laws but they are a tiny minority opposing the great French people who want Third World immigration into their country stopped completely.

Catherine Megret's victory at Vitrolle was another milestone in the revitalised success of patriotism in France, but an even more important milestone was achieved just two weeks later. A national opinion poll on February 20th revealed that 44% of those questioned thought of the FN as "just another political party like the Conservatives, Socialists and Communists".

The findings are a massive blow to the establishment in France and to the multiracialist lobby in the media who have spent the last fifteen years trying to ostracise the FN from mainstream politics. Just to show what a change this is, the figure must be compared to a similar poll taken in 1994 after the FN had polled 16% in nationwide elections - then just 24% thought of the FN as "just another political party".

As most editorials in the quality papers in France pointed out, what the poll in reality means is that 44% of the population would consider voting for the FN. This has sent shock waves throughout the country and led to both Alain Juppe, the Conservative Prime Minister, and Lionel Jospin, the leader of the Socialists, to launch campaigns to combat the rise of the FN.

But these campaigns from the discredited old parties cut little ice with the people of France and in particular the population in the south of the country, which has seen the stunning electoral success of the FN. There, in the last ten years, the very face of the towns and cities has changed beyond recognition because of uncontrolled immigration from the Third World. Now, at last, the people of France are waking up to what is happening around them and turning to the only party that has a policy of implementing a complete halt to this immigration.

More British Sailors Get The Sack

At the end of January it was announced that British seamen working on the route between Liverpool and Dublin were being axed and were being replaced by cheap foreign labour.

The shipping company, Pandoro, gave crew members of the ship, The Bison, a few weeks notice. This was not completely unexpected as the other four ships owned by Pandoro on this route have already had British crew replaced by East Europeans and Spanish crew.

Seaman, Paul Mooney, 31, said "We have known it has been coming but it is disgraceful. Our jobs are being taken away and given to foreigners".

"All they do is send the money straight abroad so it is being lost out of the economy. It is better for the ferry companies because they don't have to pay national insurance and the crews will work months at a time.

W.H. Smiths to take porn off the shelves

In mid-February W.H. Smiths made the welcome step of taking its soft porn magazines off the shelves and will no longer stock them. Titles such as Penthouse, Mayfair and Playboy will no longer appear on the "top shelf" and their covers will no longer be on view to schoolchildren using Smith's for other purchases.

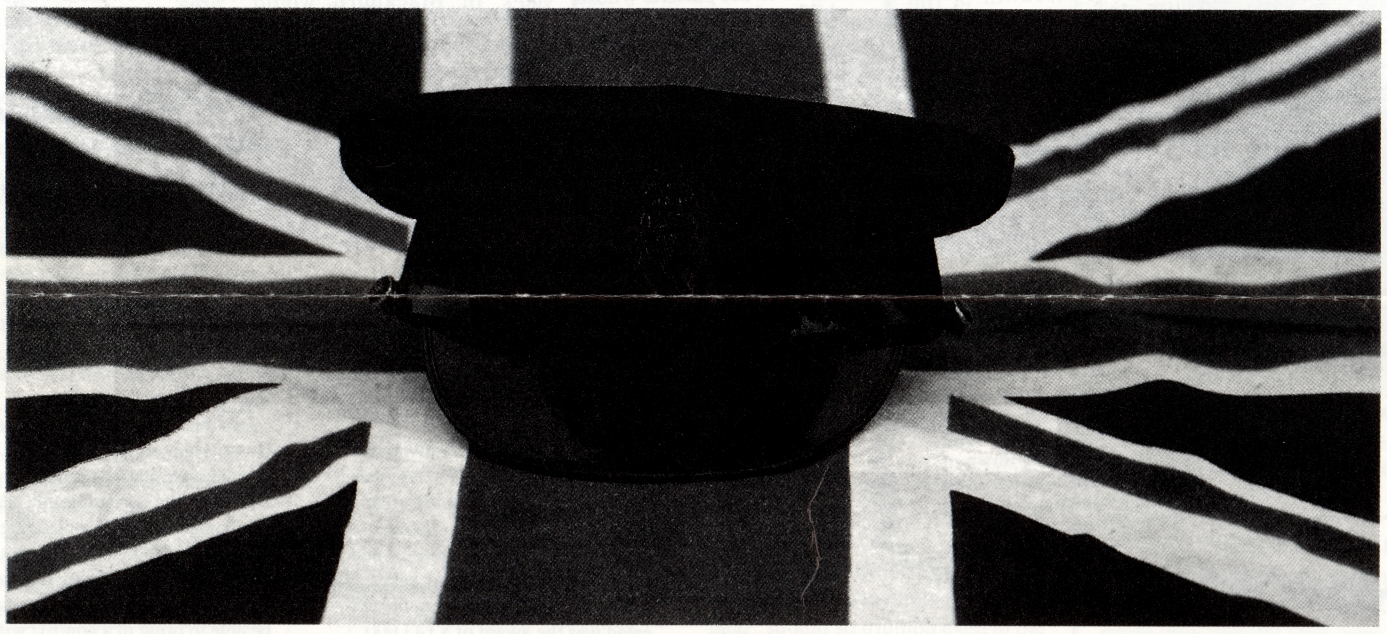
The Fascist State of Derby

The latest absurdity to come out of Derby City Council comes from City environment boss, Ashok Kalia. He has set up a new 'shop a smoker' scheme whereby members of the public are asked to phone in to report dustmen, park workers and other staff having a quiet smoke while on duty.

Mr Ashok said: "We have a public area ban which has been in effect since June, but if employees go to somebody's house they shouldn't be smoking. People can phone in if they find our employees' smoking offensive and those employees will be spoken to by senior management". he said sacking would be "a last resort".

So homosexuals, lesbians, ethnic minorities, etc. etc. are all welcome but smokers are to be treated as if they were jews in Nazi Germany.

R.U.C. Chief betrays his country



IN A PATHETIC BID to curry favour with the IRA and its supporters in the republican community in Ulster, the province's recently appointed police chief has ordered police stations across the Province to take down the Union Flag and portraits of the Queen.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary's new Chief Constable, Ronnie Flanagan, has further revealed his lack of loyalty to the nation whose law and order he is supposed to uphold. He said recently it was "absolutely not" his job to uphold the union between Ulster and the rest of Britain. he went on to offer to work as a collaborator for any Dublin-imposed regime in the Province: "If the political status quo changes we would continue to provide policing to the community at large".

No doubt by thus offering to work for them if they win, Flanagan hopes the IRA will not now murder him, as they have murdered so many RUC officers in the past 30 years. Officers who died believing - unlike their force's new boss - that they were fighting to uphold British law and order in part of Britain.

By not immediately asking for his resignation after the head of the RUC thus proclaimed his neutrality (at best!) in the war against the IRA for the future of the part of Britain he is responsible for policing, the Tory government have yet again shown their weak, half-hearted lack of commitment to winning, or even fighting, that war, and to the future of the million Britons over whose land it is being fought. Evidently the despicable Flanagan speaks for Whitehall.

No doubt, therefore, we can expect moves in the near future to "neutralise" the Britishness of the police in Ulster, as has already been done with the locally recruited elements of the Army. Just as the Ulster Defence Regiment was renamed the "Royal Irish Regiment", despite the fact that not being Irish was what most of its members joined the Regiment to fight for in the first place. So no doubt we can expect to see the "Royal", and probably also the "Ulster" to be dropped from the name of Mr Flanagan's force. Apparently "Northern Ireland Constabulary" or even "Northern Ireland Police Service" (NIPS) are names being touted in Civil Service circles.

All in a pathetic and futile bid not to defeat the IRA, but to persuade it to stop killing people by being nice to that section of the population which supports it. All in vain. Each weakness on the part of the British side just encourages the IRA to press forward further, encouraged by each step thus conceded towards its ultimate victory. The time has come to take a stand. A stand that says Ulster is and will remain 100% British forever. And those who don't like it, need not stay in Ulster.

Those who aren't British and proud of it have no place in Ulster's police or other public services. There is no place for neutrality in the security forces when our country is at war with an evil foreign foe like the IRA.

If in 1940 a British Chief Constable had ordered the Union jack struck and the Monarch's picture taken down from all his police stations, whilst intimating his willingness to carry on running the police for any Nazi occupation forces, he would certainly have been summarily sacked and quite possibly prosecuted for treason. As Ronnie Flanagan should be today. He is a traitor and a coward and he must go!

Until then, policemen in Ulster must keep the Union Jack flying over their stations whatever he says. Flanagan is as weak as his craven comments suggest - he backed down in the face of a united British community at Garvaghy last year and he will back down now if his officers stand up to him as one - before it is too late.

VANGUARD

Latest Issue Out NOW!

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

LOVER OF NATURE AND A PATRIOT
Wordsworth's Other Poems
An Interview with an ex member or UKIP
The Irish Famine: Truth -American Style
Red Squirrel - Grey Squirrel
Farnborough: The History of Aeronautics Bulldozed Away

Just £2.00 inc Post!

GET YOUR COPY TODAY FROM:

Vanguard Publications,
P.O.Box 2269, London E6 3RF.

The Ideological Journal of the National Democrats

Vicar says: "Drown sex fiends"

The Reverend Eric Ruehorn of St mary's Church, Hawkshaw, near Bury, has written in his parish magazine that Jesus' call to drown those who offend "little ones" may not be a bad idea.

He went on: "Young, beautiful and innocent children being subjected to the most degrading practices makes one weep. Jesus once took small children and blessed them. He told us that a childlike spirit was essential to being saved".

He decided to enter the debate about sex offenders after watching television coverage of the Belgian paedophile murder scandal.

Subscribe to 'The FLAG'

"Sign of a Nation great and strong,
To ward her people from foreign wrong;
Pride and glory and honour - all,
Live in the colours to stand and fall!"

Please find enclosed my subscription of £16.00 for two copies of the next 12 issues of The FLAG.
Cheques/Postal Orders made payable to 'The FLAG'. Overseas subscriptions £26.00 for one copy AIR MAIL.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

.....

Please return this form together with your remittance to : The Secretary, P.O.Box 2269, London E6 3RF.

• *There is a special subscription rate for members of the National Democrats only: United Kingdom £14.00: Overseas £24.00.*